



The British Flyball Association

Notes of Committee Meeting No 6 at Southmoor Village Hall on Sunday 27th June 1999 1.15pm to 5.45pm

Present: Roy Hiscock, Andy Bawden, Peter Roberts, Robert Henshall, Chris Fulford, Martin Dickenson, Doreen Smith

1. APOLOGIES

Fiona Middleton who was on holiday in Portugal.

2. CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

Kevin McNicholas

The Chairman tabled the various emails which had been exchanged in the past few days. Although certain reservations were expressed regarding the rather strong message that the Chairman had issued it was generally agreed that the Committee did support his action. (vote 1 against)

It was noted that Kevin maintained he had not received the Chairman's correspondence despite the fact that no 'not-delivered' message had been received by the Chairman and it was known that the email address being used by the Chairman was still in use.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Kevin (on letterheaded paper to be sent recorded delivery) politely requesting him to retract in writing the statements he had made regarding Knebworth Show. Peter Roberts had held a long telephone conversation with Kevin had reported that he felt Kevin acknowledged that his statements had been made 'in the heat of the moment' and that upon reflection they were somewhat out of order. It was therefore hoped that Kevin would, for the sake of good order, formally retract his statements and thus no further action would be required by the Committee.

3. ISSUE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was noted that the Secretary had fallen somewhat behind preparing and issuing formal approved minutes. However the Chairman pointed out that, in common with all the Committee, the Secretary was trying to juggle such work with working full time, running a KC Club and her own team, etc. etc. Under such circumstances no deadline could be set and he was confident that the minutes would be formally issued as soon as was possible. It should be remembered that the Committee is composed of unpaid volunteers who had devoted a considerable amount of their own time to help run the BFA. To this end the current Committee had held a large number of long meetings which had taken up large quantities of personal time.

4. DE-SANCTIONING OF LONGLEAT SHOW

The Committee regretted that the organisers had felt it necessary to take this step. However it was noted that a Show which had a strong 'Starters' flavour which offered a good starting point for new teams to try out their wings was no bad thing.



5. NEW RULE UNDER 4.1 – REFUSAL OF ENTRIES

Proposed by Peter Roberts, Seconded by Roy Hiscock, vote unanimous:

4.1?? Notwithstanding the above a host team may reserve the right to refuse entry to their Show. However right of entry must not be unreasonably withheld. Any such refusal to allow entry to a Show must be reported as soon as possible to the Show Secretary stating the reason for the refusal to grant entry to the Show. In the event of such refusal any entry money must be returned.

6. ADVERTISING NON-SANCTIONED FLYBALL EVENTS ON THE WEB

There was insufficient time to consider whether the BFA Website should show non-sanctioned events as well as sanctioned. This matter was therefore deferred until the next meeting.

7. BFA COMMITTEE ADDRESS LIST

The Secretary agreed to issue a new updated list as soon as possible.

8. POINTS ALLOCATION

The Webmaster had reported that points had been incorrectly allocated to a team for a race in which one unregistered dog had run. Although the normal course of action would be to deduct such points it was agreed that on this one occasion the error should not be corrected. This error had unfortunately gone unnoticed for some time, the number of points in question was minimal, the team concerned had not realised themselves that one of their members had not registered and had been fairly prompt to correct the matter once advised by the Webmaster.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. Judges Seminar/Sanctioned Tournament – Sat/Sun 23/24th October 1999

Peter Roberts reported that he had provisionally booked the Leisure Centre at Market Harborough for this event.

It was agreed that the Judges Seminar would be held as a BFA event. The cost would be set at £20 for new 'unqualified' judges and £10 for qualified judges. Limited camping was available at £5/unit/night.

The Sanctioned Tournament on the following day would be hosted/organised by The Pods.

9.2. Summer Championship

It was agreed that the Pods' Stoneleigh Sanctioned Show could be a candidate to hold this year's Summer Championship. Peter Roberts agreed to check into this and report back to the Committee whether this would be possible.

9.3. Safety Concern

Concern was expressed regarding a Flyball Dog which had overtly aggressive tendencies which had unfortunately caused a fatality in the handler's 'pack'. Whilst it was noted that all such known occurrences had occurred in the home environment not at flyball events the Committee reluctantly concluded that such an animal could prove difficult to keep under control. The Safety Officer was therefore requested to contact the handler concerned, express the Committee's regret at the loss of a dog and enquire whether the handler intended to bring the dog in question to future shows. Given the circumstances the Committee felt it might be unfair to 'ban' the dog from shows but stated a decided preference for it to be muzzled and on a lead at all times (including exercise time).



10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10.00am Sunday 5th September at Doreen Smith's house in Stockport.

Meeting closed at 5.45pm

Notes of meeting prepared by Doreen Smith